



Darrans Mountaineering Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains and participants need to be suitably prepared with suitable clothing, eyewear and safety equipment. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the trip to ensure it is in good working order and fit for purpose and there will be the opportunity to purchase or hire gear that is not deemed suitable.

If there is anything you don't have or have any questions, please get [in contact](#) with us. The trip is based from NZAC Homer Hut in the Upper Hollyford Valley unless biving in the mountains. The hut is equipped with mattresses and cooking equipment.

Body

- Base layer top (merino or polyprop, no cotton)
- Mid-layer top (fleece or windproof)
- Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred)
- Waterproof jacket
- Softshell climbing or trekking trousers

Head / Face / Hands

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Sunglasses
- Lightweight work or rigging gloves¹
- Warm gloves

Accessories

- Backpacks, 35-litre capacity for day trips and around 40+ litre for overnight trips
- Water bottles (1.5 to 2 litres capacity)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy
- Head torch

Feet

- ¾ Shank mountaineering boots (eg La Sportiva Trango® Or Aequilibrium®*)
- Approach shoes
- Rock climbing shoes

Technical gear and safety (can be provided)

- Climbing helmet
- Harness
- 120cm length sling
- Belay device (eg Black Diamond ATC Guide®)
- Short and long prusik loops
- 3 HMS or pear-shaped carabiners

Overnight

- Sleeping bag and liner (2 season)*
- Bivi bag and inflatable sleeping mat*
- Camping bowl, cup, and cutlery

Recommended

- Trekking poles
- Power bank (there are no charging facilities at the hut)

* Available to hire \$20 per item per day

¹ Darrans rock is rough and protecting hands and fingertips whilst scrambling is important to maximise climbing



Joining Instructions

Our trips start and finish in Wānaka or it is possible to meet your guide in Queenstown or Frankton on the way to the Darrans.

If you need accommodation in Wānaka the night before and after the trip shared and private rooms are available for clients in our Kea Lodge which is adjacent to the WMG Base.

Unless otherwise agreed, trips start at the WMG Base at 8:30 on the first day of the trip where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available. It is also possible to arrange to be picked up from accommodation in town.

Insurance

WMG fees do not include insurance for personal circumstances (including but not limited to travel, injury, medical, and equipment).

We strongly recommend you obtain:

- Travel insurance to cover you in the event of a trip cancellation by either you or us, for trip changes, or for medical emergencies to cover you for your personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance is required to cover damage or loss of equipment and property.

We do not accept liability, responsibility, or any expenses for insurance-related costs incurred by participants in preparation for or participation in our trips and courses.